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ADDITIONAL PROBABLE CSS-3 ICBM LAUNCH SITES

LUSHI, CHINA

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SSM CAVE/TUNNEL SUPPORT FACILITY WEST

PROB SSM LAUNCH SITE 5

PROB SSM LAUNCH SITE 4

LUSHI

SSM CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT FACILITY

SSM CAVE/TUNNEL SUPPORT FACILITY EAST
(FORMERLY POSSIBLE SSM LAUNCH SITE 2)

PROB SSM COMMAND POST

PROB SSM LAUNCH SITE 3

PROB SSM LAUNCH SITE 1

NEWLY IDENTIFIED FACILITY

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1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE IDENTIFICATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL PROBABLE CSS-3 LAUNCH SITES AND TWO MORE SUPPORT AREAS INDICATES THAT THE NEW ICBM DEPLOYMENT AREA UNDER CONSTRUCTION AROUND LUSHI WILL BE A COMPLETE LAUNCH REGIMENT.

2. (SWN) REMARKS: TWO NEW PROBABLE CSS-3 ICBM ROLLOUT, ERECT-TO-LAUNCH SITES, ONE SSM CAVE/TUNNEL SUPPORT FACILITY, AND CENTRALIZED CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT FACILITIES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WEST OF LUSHI IN CENTRAL CHINA. THESE PROBABLE LAUNCH SITES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES ARE IN ADDITION TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY FOUND EAST OF THE CITY (SEE NPIC IAC 403 FOR [REDACTED] ALTOGETHER, THE FACILITIES AROUND LUSHI NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION COMPRISE A NEW REGIMENT-SIZED LAUNCH GROUP OF THE SUNDIAN (LUANCHUAN) MISSILE LAUNCH COMPLEX SSM [REDACTED]

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(SWN) THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS OF THE NEWLY IDENTIFIED SSM FACILITIES WEST OF LUSHI ARE NECESSARILY GENERAL BECAUSE OF THE LOW RESOLUTION OF AVAILABLE IMAGERY, TERRAIN MASKING, AND ACTIVE CAMOUFLAGE AT SOME OF THE FACILITIES.

(SWN) LUSHI PROBABLE SSM LAUNCH SITE 4 [REDACTED] IS 6.4 KM NORTHWEST OF LUSHI. IT CONSISTS OF THREE CAVES UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN A STREAM VALLEY AND THREE GROUPS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS HOUSING BUILDINGS ALONG THE SITE SERVICE ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 900 METERS SOUTHEAST OF THE CAVES.

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(SWN) LUSHI PROBABLE SSM LAUNCH SITE 5 [REDACTED] IS 20.4 KM NORTH-NORTHWEST OF LUSHI. IT CONTAINS TWO CAVES WHICH HAVE CAMOUFLAGE NETS SUSPENDED OVER THE ENTRANCE AND ONE OTHER POSSIBLE CAVE. AN ASSOCIATED GROUP OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS HOUSING BUILDINGS IS APPROXIMATELY 450 METERS TO THE SOUTH.

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(SWN) LUSHI SSM CAVE/TUNNEL SUPPORT FACILITY WEST [REDACTED] IS 19.7 KM NORTHWEST OF LUSHI. IT CONTAINS TWO CAVES ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF A MOUNTAIN RIDGE, APPROXIMATELY 400

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METERS APART. A CAMOUFLAGE NET WAS SUSPENDED OVER EACH CAVE ENTRANCE. FOUR GROUPS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS HOUSING BUILDINGS ARE ALONG THE SERVICE ROAD.

(SWN) LUSHI SSM CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT FACILITY [REDACTED] IS 1.8 KM SOUTHWEST OF LUSHI. IT CONSISTS OF SIX GEOGRAPHICALLY SEPARATE AREAS INCLUDING WORKERS HOUSING AREAS, A VEHICLE PARK, OPEN STORAGE YARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, AND A NEW POSSIBLE REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT AREA. THE POSSIBLE REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT AREA IS A NEW GRADED AREA WHICH HAS BEEN WALL SECURED. THE FOUNDATIONS FOR A MULTISTORY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING WERE OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION THERE [REDACTED]

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(SWN) NO CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED AT THESE AREAS ON IMAGERY [REDACTED] ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE THE COMPLETE OUTLINE OF FACILITIES IN THE NEW LUSHI SSM LAUNCH GROUP AND SOME AREAS AROUND LUSHI HAVE NOT BEEN IMAGED SINCE 1980, THE LAYOUT OF LUSHI APPEARS TO BE SIMILAR TO THE LAUNCH GROUP AT DELINGHA IN WESTERN CHINA (SEE NPIC BIIR SUBSECTION IE, TYPE IIIB LAUNCH SITES, CHINA, RCA-01/0012/81, Z-14506/82, SWN). AT LUSHI, FOUR PROBABLE LAUNCH SITES (SITES 1, 3, 4, AND 5) HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND ONE POSSIBLE LAUNCH SITE (POSSIBLE SSM LAUNCH SITE 2, [REDACTED]) HAS BEEN REPORTED. HOWEVER, POSSIBLE LAUNCH SITE 2 APPEARS TO BE ANOTHER SSM CAVE/TUNNEL SUPPORT FACILITY.

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(SWN) CONSIDERING THESE CHANGES AND INCLUDING THE NEWLY DISCOVERED FACILITIES IN THE LUSHI DEPLOYMENT AREA, NPIC CURRENTLY HOLDS 20 ICBM LAUNCH SITES IN CHINA AS COMPLETE OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THEY INCLUDE: TWO TYPE IV LAUNCH SITES FOR THE CSS-4 AND TWO TYPE IIIA AND 16 TYPE IIIB LAUNCH SITES FOR THE CSS-3. OF THE 16 TYPE IIIB LAUNCH SITES, FOUR ARE QUALIFIED AS PROBABLE AND TWO ARE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE. BOTH POSSIBLE TYPE IIIB SITES ARE AT TONGDAO, AND THE FOUR PROBABLE SITES ARE THOSE AT LUSHI. [REDACTED]

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 34-06-30N 111-00-30E
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COORDINATES 34-13-22N 110-58-25E
COORDINATES 34-02-35N 111-01-25E

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